

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 4 are pending. Claim 2 has been cancelled in view of the amendment to Claim 1. Claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled because they are drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1 - 4 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, because the specification is not enabled for a method of making any 1-alkylindazole, just 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazoles.

In response, Applicants have amended the claims to recite a method of making a 1-(hydroxyalkyl)indazole, as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner states that the information disclosure statements submitted previously by Applicants are not in full compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 because of missing copies of non-patent literature references and missing English translations of non-patent literature references. In response, Applicants submit the accompanying replacement copies of references that Applicants submitted but which the Examiner did not receive with the prior IDS submissions.

Applicant believes that the above amendments and remarks have placed Claims 1, 3, and 4 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims in this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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